

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number

0600-0539

Case Title:

Team, Inc.

Reporting Office:

Dallas, TX, Area Office

Subject of Report:

Interview

Activity Date:

April 8, 2010

Reporting Official and Date:

, SA

15-APR-2010, Signed by , SA

Approving Official and Date:

, SAC

15-APR-2010, Approved by , ASAC

SYNOPSIS

04/08/2010 - stated TEAM supervisors encouraged LDAR technicians to quickly complete their assigned number of component checks by allowing them to leave early and receive a full day's pay as incentive. Supervisors asked why was still finding leaks and if anyone told about "punching in" (a way to falsify leak test results while sitting inside a vehicle.)

recalled seeing permanent TEAM employees sit inside a company vehicle for long periods of time and somehow still complete their assigned component leak checks by mid day. indicated they were "punching in" to complete their checks without finding leaks.

DETAILS

On 04/08/2010 at approximately 1322 hours, was interviewed at by Special Agent and Texas Parks and Wildlife was interviewed at . was apprised of the purpose of the interview and voluntarily provided the following information:

recalled that TEAM required and provided written and computer based training for . The training included policy, procedures, and regulations. Successful completion of the training was documented on certificates and electronically. and added the second week was spent with permanent TEAM employees, learning how to calibrate and operate the LDAR equipment stated the LDAR equipment was calibrated daily, for different gases, using cartridges. The equipment had to read within set parameters before it could be used.

described the LDAR equipment as a machine that fit into a backpack, with an attached probe (tube); the probe was held near the component being tested for a set time period. The probe would draw in air from around the component, the machine would analyze the air, and readings from the analysis were displayed on a hand held scanner. stated that each day a list of components to be checked was preprogrammed into the scanner; the LDAR technician received a list of the components along with a map showing their location. added that technicians could typically check 250 to 300 components in a work day; the variance in quantity was mostly due to component

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The interview ended at approximately 1520 hours.

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